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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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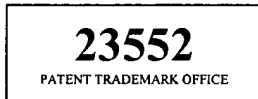
US 5,270,554; US 4,762,806; US 5,905,277; JP 5-175239; JP 2000-101099; JP 60-142568; JP 10-321646; JP 5-90572 and "Nickel and Molybdenum Ohmic Contacts on Silicon Carbide", Institute of Physics Conference Series No. 142, pp 577-580, 1996.

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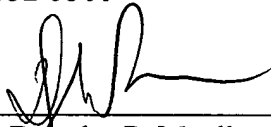


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